

## NEWS RELEASE

**Winter Wheat Seedings**  
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### WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS

#### North Dakota

Winter wheat seeded area in North Dakota for harvest in 2004 is estimated at 240,000 acres, up from the 2003 crop of 130,000 acres, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. At 240,000 acres, the 2004 crop acreage is the highest since the 1990 crop of 250,000 acres. The record high is 750,000 acres in 1985 while the record low is 25,000 acres in 1966. The first winter wheat estimates were recorded in 1964 for North Dakota.

#### United States

Planted area for harvest in 2004 is estimated at 43.5 million acres. This is down 3 percent from 2003. Seeding began last August and advanced ahead of the 5-year average pace throughout the fall. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1. Most remaining intended area is in the Southeast and California. Seeding should finish sometime next month in California.

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State <sup>1/</sup>	Acres Planted Crop of			2004 Pct of 2003
	2002	2003	2004	
	--- 1,000 Acres ---			- Pct -
<b>North Dakota</b>	80	130	240	185
Colorado	2,350	2,600	2,300	88
Kansas	9,600	10,400	9,900	95
Nebraska	1,650	1,900	1,900	100
Oklahoma	6,100	6,600	6,400	97
Texas	6,400	6,600	6,200	94
Washington	1,800	1,850	1,750	95
United States	41,845	44,945	43,464	97

<sup>1/</sup> Published are a few selected states from the National release.

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